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AIR FORCE CONCLUDES REVIEW OF PROPOSED MERGER

After an in-depth review of the proposed merger of Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) and the Aerospace Corporation, the Air Force concluded that the proposed merger would not be in the best interest of the U.S. Government. SAIC offered to merge with Aerospace on Aug. 20, 1996.

Aerospace has operated as a Federally Funded Research and Development Center (FFRDC) sponsored by the Air Force since 1960. This review concluded that the proposed merger would negatively impact the trusted agent role the Aerospace FFRDC has served for more than 36 years.

As a nonprofit corporation, Aerospace has operated in the public interest with objectivity, independence and freedom from conflict of interest. Air Force dependence upon this organizational structure has made Aerospace a critical asset in the nation's space program. In fact, the review concluded that the synergism between the elements of Aerospace in the planning, integration, launch and operation of our national security space systems is a critical reason for the US space program's preeminence as the recognized world leader.

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